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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TEST BAN TECHNICAL TALKS: DRAFT TTB AGREEMENT

THE FOLLOWING ARE UNITED STATES VERSIONS OF THE TITLE,
PREAMBLE, AND ARTICLES I AND II OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT
AS GIVEN BY STOESSEL TO MOROKHOV JUNE 23, 1974.

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BEGIN TEXT: AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA ON THE LIMITATION OF
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS

THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS
THE PARTIES,

DECLARING THEIR INTENTION TO ACHIEVE AT THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THE CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR
ARMS RACE AND TO UNDERTAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE
DIRECTION OF REDUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC ARMS, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT,
AND GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL,

RECALLING THE DETERMINATION OF THE PARTIES TO
THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE,

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OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER IN ITS PREAMBLE TO SEEK TO

ACHIEVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL TEST EXPLOSIONS OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR ALL TIME, AND TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS
TO THIS END,

NOTING THAT THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES FOR THE FURTHER
LIMITATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES AND WOULD MEET THE INTERESTS
OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND THE FURTHER RELAXATION OF
INTERNATIONAL TENSION,

AFFIRMING THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE OBJECTIVES
AND PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS
TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER
WATER AND TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO PROHIBIT, TO PREVENT AND
NOT TO CARRY OUT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS OF A
YIELD EXCEEDING.....KILOTONS AT ANY PLACE UNDER THEIR
JURISDICTION OR CONTROL, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1976.

ARTICLE II

THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO CONDUCT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR
WEAPON TESTS SOLELY AT TEST SITES WHOSE AREAS OF LOCATION
AND CHARACTERISTICS SHALL BE DESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE PROTOCOL TO THIS AGREEMENT.
THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT PEACEFUL NUCLEAR
EXPLOSIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE OF THESE TEST SITES,
PROVIDED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL RELATING
TO PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ARE FULFILLED. END TEXT. STOESSEL

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